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Governing bodies talk of importance of mentoring

Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly met Tuesday to discuss how to increase mentoring at TCU, among other topics.

BY AMY JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

Bob Bolen, senior advisor to the chancellor and former mayor of Fort Worth, said Tuesday that mentoring is rewarding for both the mentor and the student at the second ever joint meeting between the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and Student Government Association.

"Being a mentor is the icing on the cake for me," he said. "When you (as a student) get a mentor who really cares, it's one of the greatest advantages you will get from school."

Peggy Watson, the Faculty Senate chairwoman, said mentoring was chosen as the main topic because it was one of the recurring themes from the joint meeting last semester. The three organizations held a joint meeting

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Photographer/Stephen Spillman
Bob Bolen, senior advisor to the chancellor and former mayor of Fort Worth, discusses the importance of mentoring at Tuesday's joint meeting of the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and Student Government Association in Reed Hall.

NewsBriefs

SGA approves fee raise vote to be held on Nov. 12

The House of Student Representatives passed a bill last night authorizing a referendum to increase the student body fee, which provides SGA funding that is required to sponsor university events and speakers.

A fee increase would not go into effect unless it passes in an on-line vote on Nov. 12. Students can go to (vote.tcu.edu) and vote for the bill and next year's representatives on this date.

Representatives said a fee increase is necessary in order to continue quality programming for students. Speakers and other activities have become more expensive, said elections and regulations chairman Chris Mattingly.

"Unless we have funding, things are slowly becoming out of our reach," Mattingly said.

The bill calls for all students to pay \$30 instead of the current fee cost of \$20. Finance chairman George Peyton said students pay the fee each semester on the same statement that includes tuition, room and board.

— Emily Turner

Some say honor code will put a damper on cheaters

Some professors and students say any honor codes will have to be student-driven. Surveys are being distributed to gauge student's opinions.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Staff Reporter

Students may have to sign an honor code before stepping foot in their classes next fall semester.

Members of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association began counting surveys Tuesday asking students

about establishing an honor code — a statement by the student body of the level of academic integrity that they agree to uphold on campus. The surveys were passed out to classes, the Health Center, The Main and other places on campus.

"The surveys will give us an idea of the amount of support we have for an honor code," chairwoman Katie Gordon said. "If students are for starting one we will take the next steps to get it done."

The honor code was one of the

specific charges of the Academic Excellence Committee and was brought to the attention of SGA members last semester. Both organizations agree that the honor code should be student initiated.

Derek Kompore, chairman of the Academic Excellence Committee of the Faculty Senate, said the committee decided in its final report last semester not to pursue an honor code but to support students if they wanted one.

"Since an honor code will have to

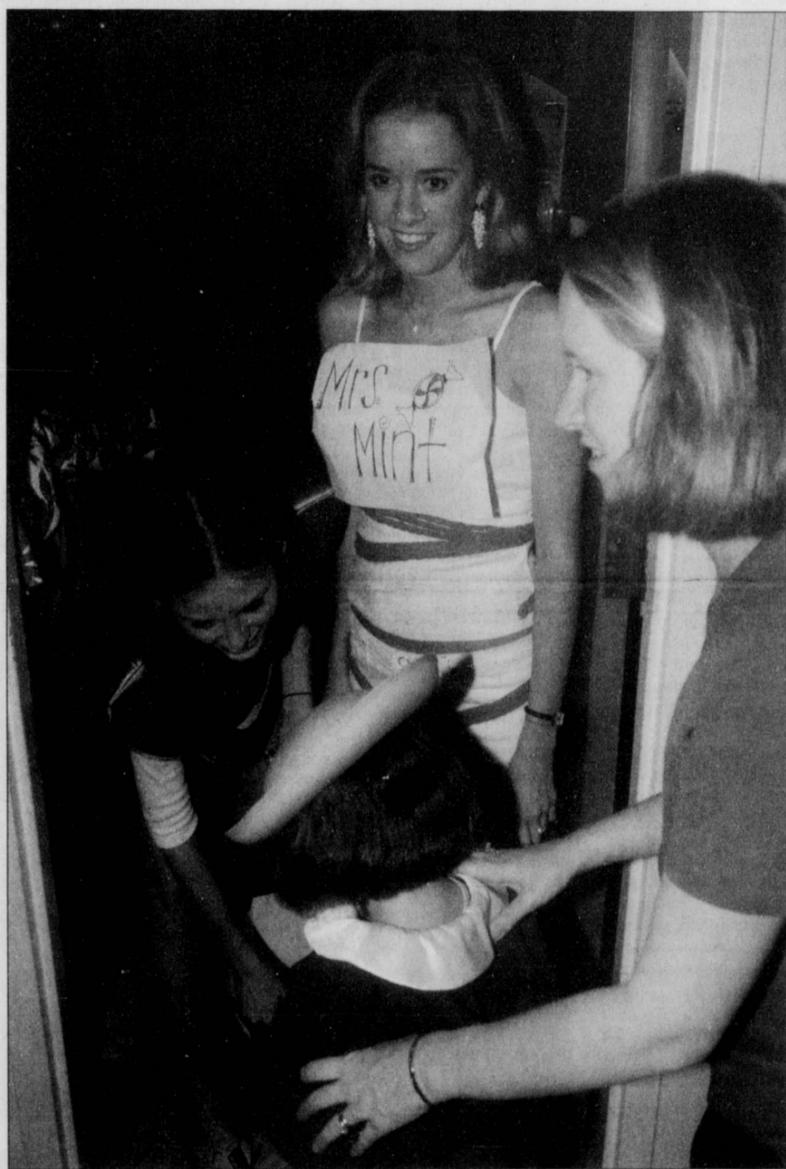
be enforced by students, it is only right that they start and promote it," he said. "In any kind of situation, students are more likely to support something started by their peers than if forced to from above."

Gordon, a senior electrical engineer major, said an honor code that is started by students will be taken more seriously.

"Students will respect an honor code more if it is their decision to start one, rather than if they were

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According to the Student Code of Conduct, if a student is suspected of cheating, the professor reviews the matter and decides what penalties the student should face. Punishment can range from receiving a zero on the assignment to being removed from the class. If a student appeals a professor's decision, the department chair, followed by the college dean and finally the academic appeals committee handles the situation, according to the code.



Photographer/Ty Halasz
Candy clad freshmen Molly Doherty and Kendall Karr hand out candy to trick-or-treaters on the second floor of Colby Tuesday night.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

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Photographer/Ty Halasz
Freshman Ashley Bigbee leads children through the basement-turned-haunted house at the 30th annual Colby Halloween in Colby Hall.

Young Voters program provides information about election

Record lows in voter turnouts spark program designed to inform new voters.

BY BRIAN SCHNEIDER
Skiff Staff

Erin Wall, a junior psychology major, didn't know who she was going to vote for Tuesday until she found out about the Young Voters program.

"The information on the Web site has given me a more confident feeling about who to vote for," she said.

Wall may be like many other university students.

TCU and Fort Worth have been selected to host a new Young Voters program, which provides accurate and unbiased information to help young people make decisions about voting, said Charlotte Townsend, the Fort Worth program manager.

The program is part of Project Vote Smart and has been working since Sept. 1 to inform TCU students and Fort Worth's 18- to 25-year-olds with factual information about candidates, issue positions, voting records and other information.

The program is part of Project Vote Smart, a research library serving people with information about more than 40,000 candidates and elected officials, said Adam York, assistant media director.

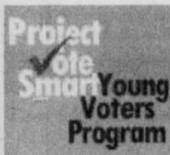
The Young Voters Program consists of a Web site, voter's research hot line and voter's self-defense manuals to help increase awareness among 18- to 25-year-old voters.

Recent voter turnout among young people has reached record lows. Studies have tied young people's lack of interest to the lack of accurate, abundant, information relevant to their own concerns during political campaigns, York said.

Townsend said Fort Worth is one of a few select cities participating in the program, which also include San Jose, Calif., Columbia, S.C., Lincoln, Neb., Tampa, Fla. and Indianapolis.

"Six cities were selected to start the grassroots efforts based on strong local ties and contacts with media and a large population of 18- to 25-year-olds," Townsend said.

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Vote Smart Youth Web: (<http://www.youngvoters.org>) Information on all candidates. For more information or to get involved with Project Vote Smart e-mail Charlotte Townsend at (ctownsend@vote-smart.org).

Voter's Research Hotline: (1-888-VOTE-SMART) toll-free hot line provides callers with Project Vote Smart's entire database of information. Callers can also get help with voter registration.

Voter's Self-defense Manuals: Contains information about candidates and incumbents. The manuals are free and can be found through area libraries, on the Vote Smart Web site and over the Voter's Research Hotline. Pamphlets can be picked up in the Mary Coats Burnett Library, residential halls and through fraternities and sororities.

All ages are welcome to attend a concert and speech from Townsend, Fort Worth program manager, Saturday at the Wreck Room on West Seventh Street in Fort Worth. Townsend will be speaking about the Young Voters program and the Hemphill 7 will be performing. Time: TBA.

The Weather

WEDNESDAY

High: 82; Low: 43; Partly cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 100; Low: 68; Sunny

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Looking Back

1963 — Elston Howard of the New York Yankees was named the American League's Most Valuable Player. Howard was the first black player to receive the honor.

1973 — New Jersey became the first state in the U.S. where girls were allowed to play on Little League baseball teams. New Jersey became the first state in the U.S.

1986 — One of the longest high school football winning streaks. One of the longest high school football winning streaks.

Watch For

Check in with Thursday's edition of the *Skiff* for a review of the TCU/Southern Miss football game. We'll have analysis, grades, top frogs and we'll go inside the numbers as the Frogs and Golden Eagles play for first place in Conference USA.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The TCUnity Fair** will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at Frog Fountain. Free food will be provided.

• **A TCU MBA Information Session** will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in Tandy Hall. Registration and refreshments will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, visit (www.mba.tcu.edu). To R.S.V.P., visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/rsvp/).

• **The Community Network Committee of the TCU Leadership Council** will host *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* columnist Bob Ray Sanders at noon Monday in the Student Center, Room 207. He will speak on his journalism career and ethical leadership. Space is limited to 15 people. The cost of lunch is \$5 and can be applied on your meal card. For more information and to R.S.V.P., call (817) 257-7855 or (i.ortega@tcu.edu).

• **The deadline for the Annual Creative Writing Contests** will be Nov. 15. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available from the English department in Reed Hall, Room 314 or from the Writing Center, Student Center Basement, Room 11A.

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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Scholarship program allows for more diversity

After changes were made to the Community Scholars Program this year, students are now provided with scholarships that cover a maximum of 60 percent of tuition instead of the total cost.

BY JILL MENINGER
Staff Reporter

The Community Scholars Program, which awards scholarships to minorities from six area high schools, is currently not providing full tuition so that more students can be admitted to the program and receive partial tuition, said Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community.

Thomas said when the program started in 2000 it covered the entire cost of tuition, but now the scholarship will cover a maximum of 60 percent. He said the change will provide more flexibility in looking at the middle and low-income students so there can be

more participants.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the admissions office determines how much a student's family can pay by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and then decides how much aid will be given to the student.

Although the amount of covered tuition has decreased, 15 partial scholarships were awarded this year, Thomas said. He said there were 12 awarded in 2000 and 19 in 2001.

Thomas said the program only gave 15 scholarships because of a lack of outside funding this year. He said in order for there to be more participants in the program, more outside funding is needed.

He said there was support from outside groups for the 2001 participants, which includes the B.E.L.L.E.F. Foundation, which is giving \$20,000 a year for five years, and the Citigroup Corporation, which is giving \$25,000 a year for five years.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, said \$750,800 of the university's budget was allocated to the funding of the program for 2002-2003. He said for 2001-2002, \$470,850 was allocated and \$187,865 was for 2000-2001.

Clement Ogujiofor, a freshman physics major and graduate of Dunbar High School, said he knew the tuition would be an obstacle for him. He said TCU was his first choice because of the scholarship and the student to faculty ratio.

"TCU is giving me a really big opportunity," Ogujiofor said. "I feel like I have a responsibility now and I have to present myself well."

Brown said the program has six high schools participating: O.D. Wyatt High School, Dunbar High

School, North Side High School, Diamond-Hill Jarvis High School, Sam Houston High School and Poly High School.

Brown said the program was created to bring more diversity to campus because he said TCU was perceived as an unfriendly place to minorities. He said one of Chancellor Michael Ferrari's goals was to change this perceived image of the campus.

Thomas said the university faces the challenge of preparing students to address the mission statement.

"The purpose of the program is to help us provide the kind of environment our students will live in," Thomas said. "We are trying to diversify the student body in many ways."

He said all the funding for the 2002 group is internal but he said corporations have expressed support and when the economy turns around, he said they intend to help.

"I strongly anticipate funds next year," Thomas said. "The community is ready to step up, but the economy is slowing the community down."

He said he is confident that the program will get at least one source of outside funding next year for the next group.

Vanessa Pena, a junior biology major and North Side High School graduate, said TCU was her first choice and she applied even though she wasn't sure how she would pay tuition.

She said the program has been a success.

"It's not only brought in different ethnicities but it has also brought in the way we think because of our different backgrounds," Pena said.

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CHEATING

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forced to follow one by the faculty," she said.

Provost William Koehler said establishing an honor code has been discussed several times in his 21 years here. He said an honor code, no matter who initiates one, will only work if students are willing to follow it regardless of the possible consequences.

"An honor code forces students to get involved in someone else's business," he said. "If a student sees someone cheating they have to report it. Many students will not want to do this."

"Students need to be prepared to sit on a jury and, if necessary, expel one of their peers. It is difficult to come to grips with ruining someone's permanent record."

The honor code in question would not be the first one on campus. The master of business administration program has been abiding by an honor code for the past two years.

Charles Greer, associate dean of the graduate school, said students drafted the honor code after a cheating incident in the program. He said the code has been violated only once since its establishment. The honor committee consists of first and second year students, the director of the MBA program and a faculty member.

He said an honor code would

make students more serious about their academics and could enhance TCU's reputation.

"Honor codes are prevalent amongst private schools and TCU is lacking when compared," he said. "We want to attract high caliber people to the university and those people are concerned about ethics and integrity outlined in an honor code."

Rice University and Southern Methodist University currently follow honor codes and an honor council decides the penalties if it is broken.

James Beasley, a junior Latin American studies major, said students will cheat even if a student signs a document agreeing not to do it.

"Signing an honor code would be like promising not to do drugs by signing the card during Red Ribbon Week," he said. "After signing, students still do drugs and would still cheat after signing an honor code."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said an honor code complements the mission statement, which is focused on establishing ethical leaders.

"The majority of what people do is guided by their own ethical code of conduct," he said. "Before an honor code is established, students must change. Academics and academic integrity must be considered a priority."

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MEETING

From page 1

last spring in an attempt to brainstorm solutions for campus issues. After Bolen's speech, participants broke into groups to discuss the importance of an effective mentoring program at TCU.

Mentors voice their experiences so students can skip the bad things in life and get to the good ones, Bolen said.

"You have to give before you get," he said. "That means students have to learn to listen."

Emily Burgwyn, director of Student Affairs Information Services, said "mentoring brings students out

of their cocoon."

"It helps them find the outside of their box and enables them to see what's out there," she said.

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said mentoring is one of the core missions of TCU.

"Personal interaction is very important," he said. "It's one of the reasons we're trying to lower enrollment."

Karen Baker, Staff Assembly chairwoman, said one issue that came out of the meeting last semester was a campus daycare for faculty, staff and students.

Bonnie Melhart, chairwoman of

the daycare committee, gave a brief presentation on the progress of the committee.

The daycare committee has visited local universities and corporations such as Motorola, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, Bright Horizons, KinderCare and Zale Corporation to research their daycare facilities, she said.

"A proposal to SGA, Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and (Chancellor Michael) Ferrari is expected before the end of this semester," Melhart said.

"You have to give before you get."

— Bob Bolen
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The Skiff View

CRITIQUE

Skiff staff lays it down for you

Cheers to Colby Halloween in its 30th year of trick-or-treating tradition, and especially for including the students from the Rise School this year.

Cheers to the football team for beating Louisville last weekend.

Jeers to the Wednesday night football game. Football is meant to be played on Saturday.

Jeers to the football player who is planned to leave messages for on-campus residents to get them to attend the game. It doesn't matter who leaves the message — the messages are still annoying.

Cheers to the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and Student Government Association for conferring together Tuesday. Hopefully some progress will come from it.

Cheers to the Vote Smart Program for attempting to increase student voting awareness.

Jeers to the students who don't take advantage of it.

Cheers for the re-accreditation self study for making the report available for everyone to read. Now it's up to the students to make sure their input is heard.

Jeers to Rick Perry and Tony Sanchez for running dirty campaigns.

Jeers to the Green Party and the Libertarian Party candidates for not really campaigning.

Cheers to those who donated blood in the last blood drive.

Jeers to neighbors who complain about college students' parties. Remember that some of you were once college students, too.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

At a time when public schools across the country are underfunded, administrators must be innovative to explore new fundraising ideas to support education. Yet, does this dire need for funds give corporations the right to invade schools and push their products — in the name of helping fund education?

"McTeacher," a current program organized by McDonald's, provides an opportunity for teachers to work a two-hour shift at the restaurant in exchange for their school receiving a portion of the profits from that shift. The schools encourage students and their families to attend, which increases the sales and exposure for the restaurant chain. The program, which began in California two years ago, has contributed more than \$500,000 to schools, an amount that clearly holds benefits for school systems in need.

Many corporations have found ways to bring their resources into public schools, providing benefits for both schools and the corporations on the surface. The schools receive the funds they so desperately require, and corporations have the opportunity to help lagging educational systems and gain positive public exposure.

Yet on a deeper level, one must question the true motives of corporations like McDonald's that commonly make appearances in classrooms. What ramifications will market techniques such as this hold for the children involved?

When schools advocate healthy eating habits among students, it can be considered hypocritical for them to also encourage those students to bring their families to

McDonald's for an evening to watch their math teacher run the register.

In addition, when children go to school to receive an education, it is degrading for administrators to willingly subject students to advertising ploys in exchange for donated funds or contracts.

Allowing corporations to enter the school system and target their message to children results in little more than exploitation. Corporations are aware of the fact that children have to be in school, so they know that these children have to hear their advertising messages.

Should corporations step out of classrooms entirely? Although it is unfortunate that children are being targeted as potential customers in their educational environment, the fact remains that corporations will continue to push their products, and schools will continue to need extra sources of funding. Steve Savage, a teachers union leader, was quoted in Newsweek saying, "If our schools were adequately funded, we wouldn't need any of this."

In times of extreme crisis, school administrators may be able to make a case for opening the school to corporate fundraising measures or engaging in contracts when it means that the school would fail otherwise. But in situations where the extra money would simply be a nice benefit instead of a necessity, administrators need to rethink the true cost of bringing corporations into the classroom.

This is a staff editorial from the Technician at North Carolina State University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.

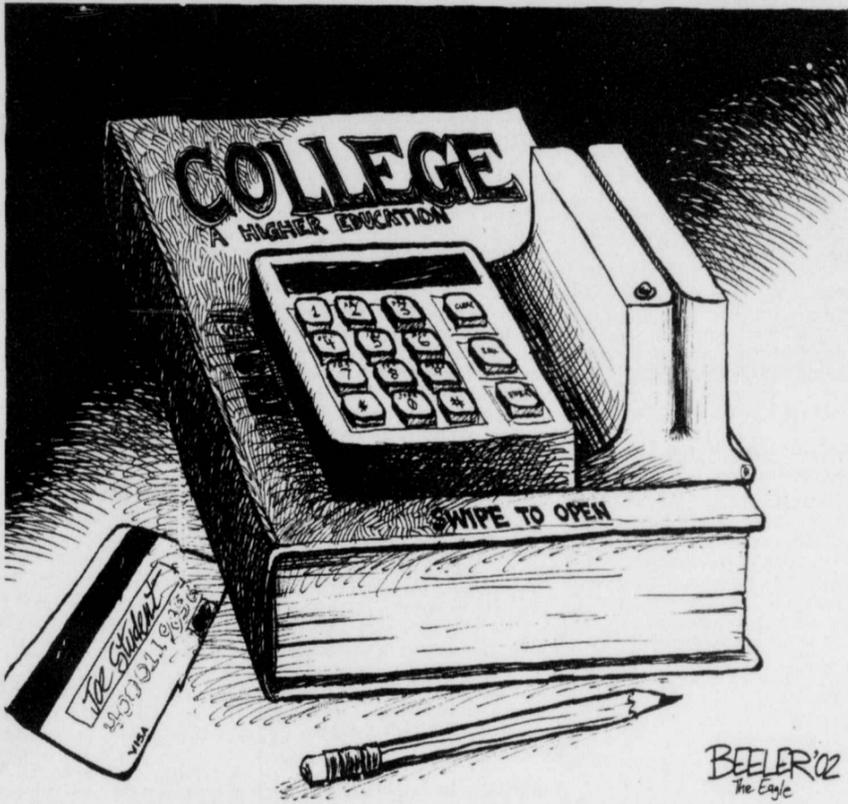
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Sadly, printed news being replaced

In one's quest for the daily news, competition and differing formats between newspapers and television broadcasts interfere with accuracy.

I grew up spending Sunday mornings before church perusing the morning's paper and consuming cinnamon rolls and milk. My family and I would pass sections back and forth, the most popular being the brightly-colored comics. Newspaper would be strewn throughout the family room and all over the floor.



Jenny Specht

Today an Einstein's bagel and latte have become my fare, but armed with the *Star-Telegram*, I continue the ceremony in a somewhat modified fashion. Sunday mornings are relaxed, a time to catch up leisurely on an entire week's worth of news which had been merely skimmed over on busy weekday mornings.

A friend of mine is surprised at this weekly ritual. "I didn't know people still did that," he told me. I never realized everyone didn't.

His view is shared by many. In this age of advanced communication, the newspaper is unique in its tangibility. Headlines, once printed, do not change. Meanwhile, events swoop swiftly in, unexpectedly.

Last Tuesday morning, I heard the news of what was to be the final sniper shooting. As I walked into the Student Center, I reached into the familiar bin for *The New York Times* and realized that it lacked the information I sought. The "current" issue had already become obsolete.

Reluctantly, I turned on CNN later in the day. The network's chief problem is its inability to be held in your hand; its secondary flaw is the endless repetition of news that one must listen to before any new information is released.

I learned the facts of the story, yet still I ached for my familiar friend, who too often is relegated to its other uses — as a rainhat; as a window-cleaner; as packing filler. The newspaper has many uses, yet exists in my mind as a more complete picture of the news than shown on television. Not only articles, but advice. Not only editorials, but entertainment.

There are substitutes online. These sites are updated throughout the day, making the information more current than that released in the morning.

Should format matter? To the average information consumer, shouldn't the primary evaluation of an information source be its ability to provide facts and details?

I must then introduce another complaint against other news sources: Portability. While waiting the seemingly endless minutes for the Worth Hills Express bus, the newspaper is there. While sitting in class, a few minutes early, a newspaper can be pulled out of a backpack.

I waver between my choices. I try to do both. I read *The New York Times* while watching CNN. I end up being distracted by the presenters' hairdos and realize, half an hour later, that I have learned nothing.

I ache for those endless Sunday mornings when everything is clearly printed in front of me. It seems that dramatic world events seldom take place in the wee hours of dawn to disrupt the accuracy of what I read.

The rest of the week, however, is left to choice: competing formats, fighting for the reader's attention, each offering something unique, but nothing offering something whole.

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Chechen struggle parallels early American Revolution

Chechen rebels took over a theater in Moscow hoping to draw attention to their struggle. The siege was an act of terrorism to many, but to them it is a revolution for freedom.

How far would you go to support something you believe in? Would you have joined the American revolutionaries at the Boston Tea Party, or fought an army of professional soldiers with a small hunting rifle and no training? Would you have willingly volunteered to fight in Europe during World Wars I and II?

COMMENTARY



Jeff Dennis

These causes seem quite noble to us now in hindsight, but we should keep in mind that not every country has had a revolution which brought freedom to its people. In the past week, we saw Chechen rebels take over a packed theater in Moscow as an attempt to make the Russian army withdraw from Chechnya.

While I do not advocate such an act that endangers the lives of so many civilians, it is necessary to at least attempt to see the world from the Chechens' perspective. After many years of fighting in their

homeland with Russia, the rebels were looking to make their voice heard by the world. They have certainly accomplished that, but now it is unclear whether the theater siege will have a positive or negative effect for Chechnya.

Certainly many more people worldwide know about their situation now, but did they just make a bad problem worse? My guess would be that while they certainly angered many and caused the deaths of innocent civilians, their voice has been heard and there could be hope for improvement.

Recent reports indicate that the gas used to put the rebels and hostages to sleep killed more civilians than the rebels did themselves. The U.S. government has refused to speak out against the actions of Russian special forces who performed the operation; however, it is somewhat dismaying that the Russian government hasn't revealed what gas they used that caused the deaths of more than one hundred civilians.

Clearly none of these people would have died had the rebels not taken over the theater, but if the Russian government would have considered starting negotiations to resolve the conflict in Chechnya, then more of the hostages might be alive today. The Russian gov-

ernment tried to make a statement announcing that it would not negotiate with terrorists, but keep in mind, these terrorists were not asking for money. Though Chechnya is a predominantly Muslim country, they were not terrorizing Moscow over religious differences. These rebels were simply wanted their home back. Only since the siege are reports coming out about the atrocities Chechnya has faced at the hands of Russian soldiers.

Terrorism gained a great deal of exposure in the past year. Clearly it is not a new concept, but only recently has it come to have such an impact on Americans' lives. Every week, it seems, small terrorist acts are occurring around the world which affect the United States in some way.

I do not support any acts of terror, no matter what the reason, but I have to say that sometimes oppressed groups believe it is the only way they will be heard. Many actions of the American revolutionaries could easily have been construed as terrorism. Times change, but situations tend to repeat themselves.

How far would you go to support something you believe in?

Jeff Dennis is a senior sociology major from Gail. He can be reached at (j.a.dennis@tcu.edu).

Fine Arts program did smashing job at 'An Evening of Gershwin' recital

Last weekend's performance shows how much our music, dance and voice students can accomplish. More performances can be presented with more support from the students and faculty.

The College of Fine Arts recently presented a superb music program at Fort Worth's Bass Hall, entitled "An Evening of Gershwin." George Gershwin, the son of Jewish immigrants, left America a legacy of rich, melodic music. The concert featured the TCU Jazz Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, dancers and Choral Union.

The night's repertoire easily attracted a full audience in the hall. Selections for this magnificent concert included: "America the Beautiful: Gershwin Tribute," "Cuban Overture," "Rhapsody in Blue," "Promenade" and an enchanting suite from "Porgy and Bess."

The performance was powerful and full of energy. TCU performers played with confidence and style. One could feel the music truly came

from the heart. No surprise, then, that the audience fortunate enough to be part of this evening gave TCU performers several standing ovations.

After several curtain calls, the choir, band and orchestra delivered a spontaneous but powerful rendition of our alma mater. I

"The performance was powerful and full of energy. TCU performers played with confidence and style."

must say, this was a very emotional moment for most members of the audience. It was the climax to an incredible performance.

Being a musician myself, I know it takes many hours of meticulous practice to put together a program of this magnitude. TCU students demonstrated that with hard work and dedication, anything can be accomplished. All students, faculty, administrators and sponsors that participated in making this event a success should be applauded for their efforts. We should all be very proud of their accomplishments.

Music students here are some of the top performers in the nation. In recent years, they have been heard at prestigious events such as: the 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Montreaux Jazz Festival and Pergina Opera Festival.

TCU students are fine performers. They deserve our attention. Let's support the arts at TCU by attending their concerts and recitals.

Even if you are not familiar with classical music, I guarantee you will be inspired. We all need a little music in our lives sometimes. After all, it was Plato that said, "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm to life and to everything." See you at the next performance.

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National/International Roundup

Trial starts for man accused of killing Wendy's workers

NEW YORK (AP) — An attorney acknowledged at the start of a trial Tuesday that his client was guilty of murder in the killings of five workers inside a fast food restaurant, but he argued that the man doesn't deserve the death penalty.

John Taylor, a former employee at the Wendy's restaurant, is charged with first-degree murder in the five shooting deaths on May 24, 2000.

A prosecutor painted Taylor as the mastermind behind the robbery and slayings.

"John Taylor personally killed two people he knew," Assistant District Attorney Daniel Saunders told jurors. Taylor then handed the gun to a mentally retarded accomplice, instructing the man to "finish them," Saunders said.

Defense attorney John Youngblood countered that Taylor, while bearing responsibility for the crimes, had personally killed just one of the victims, not two. He said that as such his actions were insufficient for the death penalty.

"He is responsible for those murders, but not murder in the first degree," Youngblood said.

Taylor, 38, and Craig Godineaux ate at the Wendy's while planning the robbery just before closing time, prosecutors said. They then allegedly herded seven employees into a walk-in freezer, bound and gagged them and shot all seven in the head. Two survived.

Man fined, banned from sending 'spam' by Verizon

DETROIT (AP) — A commercial bulk e-mailer who critics consider one of the most prolific producers of "spam" agreed to change some procedures to settle a lawsuit filed by Verizon Internet Services.

The settlement announced Monday allows Alan M. Ralsky of West Bloomfield Township to stay in business, but restricts his distribution of unsolicited bulk e-mail advertising. The Detroit News reported.

Neither Ralsky nor Verizon would comment extensively on the settlement, citing confidentiality agreements. But Bobbi Henson, a spokeswoman for the Reston, Va.-based Verizon Internet, called it a significant case.

"People should see this and think twice about sending spam on our lines," Henson said.

The settlement permanently bars Ralsky and his company, Additional Benefits LLC, from sending bulk e-mail, derided as spam by critics, on any of Verizon's networks, which reach 1.64 million customers in 40 states. Ralsky also must pay the corporation an undisclosed fine.

Officials question militants about diplomat's death

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordanian officials detained dozens of Muslim militants for questioning Tuesday but dismissed claims by a little-known group that it was responsible for the killing of American diplomat Laurence Foley.

The group, calling itself Shura'aa' al-Urdun, or the Honorables of Jordan, sent a statement to the London-based Arabic daily Al-Quds Al-Arabi Monday saying Foley was killed to protest U.S. support for Israel and the "bloodshed in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Foley, a 60-year-old administrator at the U.S. Agency for International Development, was walking to his car Monday when a gunman opened fire, police said. The gunman escaped.

Jordanian authorities stepped up security in the capital in the wake of the assassination, the first killing of an American diplomat in decades.

U.S. officials say they are working with Jordanian investigators, and have not ruled out terrorism.

Judge will not be forced to appoint appellate attorney

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit against a state district judge, saying it would not be proper to interfere

in the ongoing case involving Texas death row inmate Calvin Burdine, whose lawyer slept through parts of his trial.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner said Monday he will not force state District Judge Joan Huffman to appoint Burdine's longtime appellate attorney to defend him. A new capital murder trial for Burdine has been scheduled for March 3.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against Huffman in September after she refused Burdine's request to have his appellate attorney, Robert McGlasson, appointed to represent him during the new trial, which was ordered by Hittner.

Huffman said McGlasson was not on a list of approved defense attorneys, the Houston Chronicle reported in Wednesday's editions. Huffman declined to comment because the case is ongoing.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm encouraged by the fact that Judge Hittner gave this issue such serious consideration because he obviously spent a lot of time on the issue," ACLU East Texas regional director Annette Lamoreaux said. Lamoreaux said the ACLU will appeal Hittner's ruling.

Publishers facing criticism for conservative viewpoints

AUSTIN (AP) — Textbook publishers are being criticized by a political watchdog group that says the publishers rewrote some books to reflect views of social conservatives.

The nonprofit Texas Freedom Network said Monday that several publishers revised social studies books after taking heat from social conservatives at state textbook hearings earlier this year.

"Instead of standing guard and protecting the thoroughness and accuracy of textbooks, some publishers are now caving in to pressure from a handful of very noisy would-be censors," said Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Freedom Network.

VOTE

From page 1

Rachel Chutchian, a junior English major, said she appreciates the non-partisan research that the Vote Smart Youth Web site has to offer.

"The Vote Smart Youth Web site helps me compare candidate issues," she said. "It's difficult to know all of the facts on various candidates but Project Vote Smart offers a lot of information to make my decision easier."

Townsend, is working with civic leaders, local media and youth-oriented organizations to distribute banners, posters and brochures that direct

young people to project vote smart's Web site and hot line, York said.

The Young Voters Program is also being conducted at the national level through partnerships with such organizations as Rock the Vote, the Youth Vote Coalition, Campus Compact, World Wrestling Entertainment, MTV, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the YMCA, he said.

The project is funded by a \$500,000 grant from Pew Charitable Trusts and is a collaboration with the Fort Worth Public Library, the Mary Coats Burnett Library, other area college libraries and local youth and news organizations, he said.

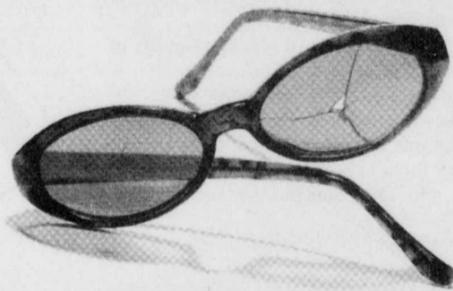
Following Tuesday's election, young people in each of the six cities will be surveyed and interviewed to measure any changes in their voting behavior that may be related to their ability to instantly access information relevant to their own unique concerns, York said.

"If the study finds that young people have become disenfranchised due to the lack of information provided to young citizens by candidates, news organizations and potential political parties," York said, "the program will be applied nationally in the 2004 presidential race."

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French Fry Nation

If we are what we eat, welcome to America, the deep fried

The answer to why fries are such an important part of American food remains a big mystery, experts say.

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

Add this to the great mysteries of modern life, up there with the ultimate destination of missing socks and the existence of the Adam Sandler Fan Club: What makes the french fry taste so good?

There are answers of course, with ordinary fry-eaters offering, "It's the fat, stupid," and experts pointing to everything from chemistry to nostalgia to evolutionary psychology.

But if you're looking for the answer, good luck. The truth is that other foods satisfy our craving for salt and fat, trigger childhood memories and undergo the chemical reactions that lead to satisfying cooked or "browned" flavors.

And yet none occupies the same place in the American food pantheon as the fry.

"I'm not sure why they've gotten to the point where people appreciate them so much," says Keith Cadwallader, a professor of food science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Certainly, the fry is a good candidate for side-dish stardom. For one thing, it has salt.

"Evolutionarily, salt was important to our survival," says Alan Hirsch, neurological director of the Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago. That may be why salt is at or near the top of our list of food cravings.

And then there's fat. "We know that fat is very important in flavor" because it affects the aroma of food, which in turn strongly affects our experience of

taste, Cadwallader said. Fat controls the release of aroma, allowing only a little bit at a time to escape.

And, of course, we have the potato factor. Here we can give thanks to what scientists call the Maillard Reaction, a chemical reaction involving amino acids and sugars, which produces what we know as that great cooked-potato taste.

But the fry's appeal isn't as neat as a list of ingredients or as clear-cut as a chemical equation.

"No one actually knows why people like certain foods, so you can only make generalizations," said Michael O'Mahony, a professor of food science at the University of California at Davis.

Among the complicating factors is the psychology of food: We're introduced to french fries as small children, so eating them can trigger positive emotions such as nostalgia, Hirsch says. And we eat fries as treats, so they remind us of times when we felt deserving of a reward.

Taste itself tends to be subjective, with people bringing emotional baggage — say, a bad food-poisoning incident — to the table, along with a lifetime of habits and expectations.

Scientists who study taste can't chase such factors from the lab. They ask ordinary people to rate foods on a nine-point scale, Cadwallader says, a process that highlights the subjective nature of taste: "It's a personal opinion, like politics."

And consider this: People tend to like the foods they have grown accustomed to and avoid the ones that are unfamiliar.

In other words, eating french fries leads to eating french fries.

"I suppose if (McDonald's) made fried broccoli, the next generation would like it too," Hirsch said.

Loaded Moses' debut CD is sure to make anyone want to rock 'n' roll

Loaded Moses might be a local rock band now, but has the potential to be more.

BY SARAH MCCLELLAN
Photo Editor

"Afterglow," the debut CD from Loaded Moses, is a high-energy, adrenaline-filled rock album that could put any crowd in the mood to mosh.

Loaded Moses hails from Fort Worth and plays at venues like The Aardvark on Berry Street or the Curtain Club in Dallas and always gets its large following into a frenzy.

Lead singer Alex Starr has the look of Gavin Rossdale with a harder edge and the charisma of Ozzy Osbourne.

Drummer Hayes Crouse is one of the most energetic drummers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He plays so hard it looks like he is in physical pain by the middle of the performance, yet he keeps it up through the last song.

Base player Anthony Barber and guitarists Chad Beck and Brad Cagle are equally mesmerizing and help form a chemistry that makes the band's potential unlimited.

The band's lyrics, however, are

not typical of small-time local rock. They are intense and well thought out. Most of the songs have meanings applicable to life off stage and almost have the edge only bands like Metallica and Korn have mastered.

The CD's title track, for example, is about having an argument with a girlfriend and trying to apologize but not wanting to give in. Some of the lyrics include:

"Maybe if you'd ever listen you'd understand by now. I'm not interested in your reform ... give me the afterglow ... I feel you pushing me into your mold now. I don't mean to complain but it hurts."

The only drawback to the album is that some of the songs use profanity though it is not used gratuitously.

Every song on the CD is great but this band is experienced best when seen and heard. You can do that at the band's next performances Friday at the Curtain Club and Nov. 9 at The Aardvark.

"Afterglow" is available through the band's Web site (www.loaded-moses.com).

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Loaded Moses lead singer Alex Starr belts out the lyrics to "Afterglow" Oct. 12 at the Aardvark on Berry Street. Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

Colby Halloween celebrates 30th year

Children trick-or-treated, sipped on lemonade, played in a "Bouncy House" and saw a Fort Worth fire truck Tuesday at the 30th annual Colby Halloween.

BY AMY JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

Tuesday night was the second Colby Halloween for 4-year-old Faith Franzwa, who came dressed as Dorothy from the "Wizard of Oz." She wore a checkered baby blue dress and sparkly red slippers.

And a grin from ear to ear. "I just hope that when I say 'trick-or-treat,' they don't make me do a trick first," Franzwa said jumping up and down.

Every year on the Tuesday before Halloween, residents of Colby Hall decorate the residence hall and open their doors to children of faculty and staff. This year, Colby kicked off its 30th annual trick-or-treating event with one new addition: Rise School children were included in afternoon Colby Halloween festivities.

Emilia Cummings, Colby Hall director, did not know how many children participated, but said more than 600 children were expected.

Popcorn, cotton candy and lemonade were available for children as they left the hall. There was also an inflatable "Bouncy House" for kids to jump on and a Fort Worth fire truck.

Children were led throughout the residence hall by volunteers and resident assistants.

She said the little ones — those younger than 6 — trick-or-treated in light hearted and fun wings while the older kids, 7 to 9, went through the scarier wings.

The event was a treat for some moms.

"It's really a lot of fun," said Janna Franzwa, Faith's mother. "The students really do themselves. The halls look amazing."

For the first time, Rise School children shared some of the fun.

Kathleen Cooter, director of the Laboratory Schools, said all 24 children in the Rise School participated in the afternoon Halloween fun.

"Colby invited us to attend last year, but the evening is difficult because the children are too little, it's very crowded and some of the candy is not appropriate," she said. "This year they came up with a way for us to attend during the afternoon."

Kristen Enright, mother of 4-year-old Scott Enright who dressed up as a Dallas Cowboy's football player, said she thinks TCU's involvement with the Rise School is terrific.

"It's great that the students get to see what wonderful and loving children they are," she said.

Cummings said the idea to include Rise School children gener-



Freshman Abby Schneider makes a young Dallas Cowboys' fan's night with a piece of candy at Colby Halloween. Photographer/Ty Halasz

ated from the Staff Assembly.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved," she said. "Everyone here is ecstatic about it." Julie Graver, Staff Assembly community service chairwoman, said the success of the Easter egg hunt with the Rise School last year prompted the Colby Halloween idea.

Colby Hall resident assistant

Abby Crawford said she is glad her wing got to host the Rise School children.

"We really enjoyed it," she said. "The children from the Rise School are a very special part of our university."

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Unhealthy french fries are country's favorite side dish

The french fry may not have originated in the U.S., but that doesn't stop it from being America's side dish of choice.

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

They indulge in broad daylight, on a crowded city street, but that is not to say they are without shame.

The gray-haired government worker declines to give her name: "I don't want the whole world to know." The hip twenty-something spits out a terse "no comment." And then there's John Vogel, the 48-year-old firefighter who is hunched, sheepishly, over the tell-tale red carton.

"Why?" he is asked.

Why after all the warnings from the experts, the disturbing studies, why — under threat of dire health consequences up to and including death — do we, the American people, continue to hit the french fries?

"Cause," Vogel says with a smirk, "we're basically weak."

That's right. We, the people, can outlast the Soviet Union, export Madonna, and make the whole world cry out, "I want my MTV!"

But, as a spate of recent news stories so vividly reminds us, when it

comes to the humble french fry, victory remains elusive.

At a time when McDonald's is rolling out a new and improved french fry (Now, with healthier fat!), when a New York man is suing fast-food chains for contributing to his illness and obesity, when high-profile medical studies are raising new concerns, the average American is eating at least 24 pounds of fries a year.

That's 56 Super Size servings at McDonald's, or more than six times the amount of fries the average American consumed in 1960.

That's enough to make the fry "the leading side dish in America," says David Graulich, author of "The French Fry Companion: A Connoisseur's Guide to the Food We Love."

And even the No. 1 Side Dish title may sell the french fry short. More than hot oil, salt and starch, it is, by now, a feature of the cultural landscape, a symbol of comfort and childhood, of simple needs and honest pleasures.

"It's an American tradition," says Chicago attorney John Tellis, pausing in his assault on a golden heap of Wendy's fries.

"It's a food item that we have adopted and embraced, and it's not

going anywhere."

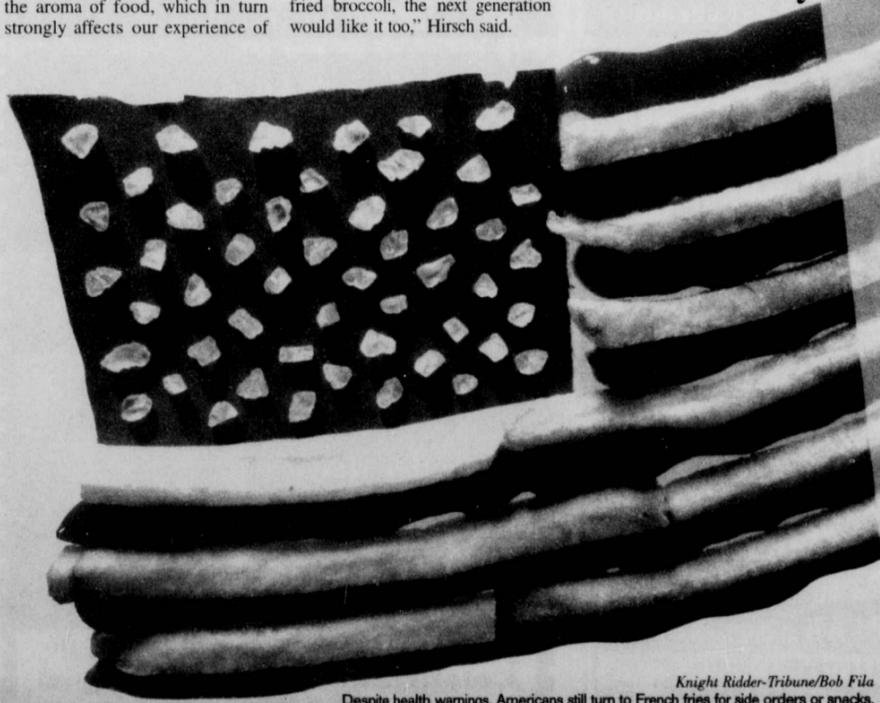
Our passionate — if sordid — love affair with the french fry incorporates many of the great themes of American life: Capitalism, immigration, technology and equality.

Born in France and Belgium, the fry can actually trace its roots to Peru, where 16th-century Inca farmers cultivated potatoes — some purple, some as big as your forearm — in the valleys of the Andes mountains. The Spanish invaders brought the vegetable back to Europe, where it was embraced, first as an ornamental plant, then as a cheap food for peasants.

With the arrival of inexpensive, mass-produced cooking oil, the french fry began to surface in France, Belgium and Britain in the 1860s, according to Larry Zuckerman, author of "The Potato: How the Humble Spud Rescued the Western World."

"Everybody claims it happened there first, but it's not entirely clear," Zuckerman says.

In Britain, the wealthy looked down on the potato as a food of the poor. But in the United States, that class prejudice never took hold, Zuckerman says.



Despite health warnings, Americans still turn to French fries for side orders or snacks. Knight Ridder-Tribune/Bob Fila

Evidence found in car as charges mount

Two-way radios, a global positioning system and a brown cotton glove were among the items found in the car driven by John Muhammad and John Malvo. Authorities are still unsure how to try Malvo, who is not legally an adult yet.

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities disclosed a wealth of evidence recovered from the car of two suspects in the Washington-area sniper case as prosecutors filed charges Tuesday that could bring the death penalty for one of them.

"I believe the ultimate sanction ought to be available here," Attorney General John Ashcroft told reporters at the Justice Department, adding that the sniper slayings are

"an atrocity."

A global positioning system, a pair of two-way radios and a brown cotton glove matching a glove found at one of the shooting scenes were among the items recovered after last week's arrest of John Allen Muhammad, 41, and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo, according to a law enforcement affidavit.

The federal charges were filed against Muhammad in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt, Md. The 20-count charging complaint does not name Malvo, because he is not an adult.

A juvenile can be charged with a federal capital offense but cannot be

executed, and officials are barred from discussing any federal charges against a juvenile. Ashcroft said a court would first have to certify that Malvo be treated as an adult.

The main death penalty charge against Muhammad is use of a firearm on multiple occasions that resulted in death. Although there were 13 shootings that claimed 10 lives, the federal complaint names only seven victims — six killed in Montgomery County, Md., and a Montgomery County, Md., man who was murdered in Washington, D.C.

A senior Justice Department official, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said the Virginia cases were omitted "out of an abundance of caution" because of that state's unique laws regarding double jeopardy — that is, being tried twice for the same crime. Federal charges stemming from those cases could be added later, the official said.

Muhammad also was charged under the Hobbs Act, which can allow a capital charge when a killing includes extortion and interstate commerce is interrupted. Justice Department officials said the death penalty was not initially being sought under those charges.

A note believed left by the sniper at the scene of a Virginia shooting demanded \$10 million. Interstate commerce was interrupted by, among other things, traffic jams created as police searched for the killer.

"I believe the ultimate sanction ought to be available here..."

— John Ashcroft
Attorney General

Classmates say Flores was aggressive person

A nursing student who was skilled owned several guns, police say. Robert Flores killed himself after allegedly shooting three other people at the university of Arizona.

BY BETH DEFALCO
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Robert Stewart Flores Jr. struggled as a nursing student at the University of Arizona. Classmates said he tangled with instructors and annoyed fellow students.

"He came across as very aggressive and mean and seemed to have a lot of issues with being angry," said Lori Schenkel, a fellow nursing student.

Authorities said Flores' anger boiled over Monday when he allegedly shot three of his professors to death during a rampage at the College of Nursing that sent dozens of terrified students diving for cover.

Officials said the 41-year-old Gulf War veteran had been carrying five handguns and at least 200 rounds of ammunition. After shooting the three staff members, Flores turned one of the guns on himself.

"Mr. Flores went in there to create a holy hell for our community," Tucson police Chief Richard Miranda said. "I can't imagine what the building would look like if he didn't have a sudden change of mind."

Bomb squad members were called in after a backpack or package was found underneath the gunman's body. The suspect had threatened to blow up the building, though it was unclear when the threat was made, police said. The

college and nearby buildings were evacuated but no explosives were found.

The nursing school remained closed Tuesday, with police tape blocking access. Many employees at the medical school complex embraced as they went into work. Some were dressed in black.

"I feel terrible this morning," said Melody Pelot, 55, who works at the college of medicine. "As I walked past the police tape I thought, 'This is just mind boggling. Someone lost their mother, their wives, in that building.'"

Police said Flores first killed assistant professor Robin Rogers, 50, in her office on the second floor of the nursing school building. He then went to the fourth floor, where he entered a classroom full of students taking a test being given by two teachers.

There he confronted associate professor Cheryl McGaffie, a 44-year-old ethics teacher who studied death and dying and the relationship between health and spirituality in seriously ill patients.

He told McGaffie "he was going to give her a lesson in spirituality," said student Laura Kelley. Witnesses said Flores fired two shots into McGaffie's chest and stood directly over her as he shot her in the head.

Assistant professor Barbara Monroe, 45, was allegedly Flores' last target. She was covering behind a desk as Flores approached, witnesses said. "He asked her if she was ready to meet her maker. She said 'Yes,' and then he shot her once and then twice more," said student Gena Johnson.

Circuit Court upholds medical marijuana ruling

Court says doctors can't lose licenses for prescribing medical marijuana to ill.

BY DAVID KRAVETS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled for the first time Tuesday that the government cannot revoke doctors' prescription licenses for recommending marijuana to sick patients.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that the Justice Department's policy interferes with the free-speech rights of doctors and patients.

"An integral component of the

practice of medicine is the communication between doctor and a patient," Chief Circuit Judge Mary Schroeder said. "Physicians must be able to speak frankly and openly to patients."

The 9th Circuit upheld a 2-year-old court order prohibiting the government from stripping doctors of their licenses to dispense medication.

The dispute is one of several cases resulting from medical marijuana laws on the books in eight states.

Federal prosecutors argued that doctors who recommend marijuana are interfering with the drug war and going against the government's determination that marijuana has

no medical benefits.

Doctors who recommend marijuana in the eight states that have medical marijuana laws "will make it easier to obtain marijuana in violation of federal law," government attorney Michael Stern had said.

Graham Boyd, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, had urged the judges to preserve the sanctity of doctor-patient interactions. "That is speech that is protected by the First Amendment," he argued.

The case was brought by patients' rights groups and doctors including Neil Flynn of the University of California at Davis, who said that marijuana may help

some patients but that doctors have been fearful of recommending it.

U.S. District Judge William Alsup responded by prohibiting the Justice Department from revoking Drug Enforcement Administration licenses to dispense medication "merely because the doctor recommends medical marijuana to a patient based on a sincere medical judgment." Alsup's order also prevented federal agents "from initiating any investigation solely on that ground."

The case was an outgrowth of a measure approved by California voters in 1996. It allows patients to use marijuana with a doctor's recommendation.

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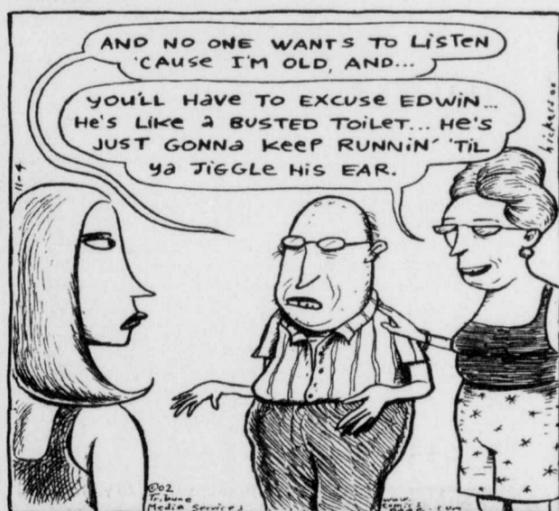
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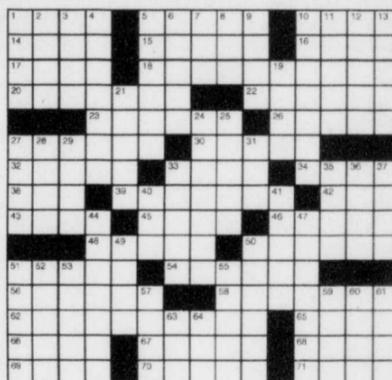
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TheEdge

Passing offense

TCU

What can Tye Gunn do for an encore? He put his physical talent and football savvy together against Louisville, abusing their heralded secondary. His success comes from spreading the ball out and his safety valve is senior Adrian Madise, who leads the team in receptions since Gunn replaced an injured Sean Stilley.

Southern Miss

The Golden Eagles do not rely on their passing game except in situations when they are behind. When they do throw, the passing attack is on the shoulders of redshirt freshman Dustin Almond. A recruiting coup for the Golden Eagles, Almond does not force throws and is mobile outside the pocket. Senior Leroy Handy leads the team with 25 receptions.

Edge: TCU

Rushing offense

TCU

Junior Ricky Madison and redshirt freshman Lonta Hobbs will rotate in a game that should feature a lot of carries by both teams. Madison has two straight 100-yard games and Hobbs had four touchdowns in the last two games.

Southern Miss

Senior Derrick Nix, a Doak Walker Award Candidate, is quietly compiling one of the best seasons of any running back in the nation. He averages a robust 6.1 yards a carry with nine touchdowns. After missing almost two full seasons with a kidney ailment, Nix has returned to the lineup with a vengeance. Redshirt freshman Anthony Harris occasionally spells Nix out of the backfield, running for four touchdowns. Seniors Torrin Tucker and Jeremy Bridges anchor a strong line for the Golden Eagles.

Edge: Southern Miss

Passing defense

TCU

The Frogs are 46th in the nation in pass defense, though they should not be expecting many passes from the Golden Eagles.

Southern Miss

The Southern Miss secondary has allowed just one passing touchdown the entire season. Junior defensive back Etric Pruitt leads the nation with six interceptions. Rod Davis, a junior All-American candidate, is a nightmare for opposing quarterbacks, making 14.5 tackles for loss and intercepting two passes.

Edge: Southern Miss

Rushing defense

TCU

The Frogs allow just 69 yards a game on the ground, placing them third in the nation. Nix and the Golden Eagles will be their biggest test of the year. Head coach Gary Patterson has reiterated that Southern Miss' offensive line is the best the Frogs have faced all year.

Southern Miss

Uncharacteristically, Southern Miss' defense is having problems stopping the run this year. They allow 4.2 yards a rush. The linebacking crew of Michael Boley, Joe Henley and Davis can make life miserable for opposing backfields.

Edge: TCU

Special Teams

TCU

Junior Nick Browne leads the country in field goals a game. Southern Miss rarely gives up touchdowns, so Browne's leg could be responsible for most of TCU's scoring. Senior LaTarence Dunbar is a threat to score on every kickoff.

Southern Miss

Placekicker Curt Jones has connected on just 58.3 percent of his field goal attempts this season. Every kick 40 yards or more is an adventure. The Golden Eagle special teams unit has blocked four kicks this season.

Edge: TCU

Intangibles

TCU

If the Frogs win this game, they will control their own destiny in the conference title race. This is a nationally-televised game at home, providing even more motivation.

Southern Miss

Jeff Bower has been Southern Miss' head coach for 12 seasons. He developed a system based on a strong, opportunistic defense, and a fundamentally sound offensive line and special teams unit. His teams have the talent and discipline to compete in any environment.

Prediction: TCU 16, Southern Miss 14

— Jay Zuckerman

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Frogs have new worry in Derrick Nix

The Frogs avoided having to face Derrick Nix last season, arguably Southern Miss' best player. That will not be the case on Wednesday.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Last year against Southern Miss, the Frogs held the Golden Eagles as a team to 94 yards rushing on 30 attempts.

But they didn't have to face Derrick Nix.

While much of the national attention for running backs goes to Miami's Willis McGahee or Ohio State's Maurice Clarett, Nix is putting together quite a senior season at Southern Miss.

Through seven games in 2002, Nix has rushed for 821 yards (117.3 a game) and nine touchdowns. He also has caught 10 passes for 113 yards. His statistics have garnered him Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week honors twice this year.

The TCU coaching staff had the luxury of ignoring the talented tailback in last year's game planning. Complications from medication while rehabilitating an ankle sprain early in the 2000 season resulted in Nix sitting out the majority of the

season with kidney problems, and redshirting in 2001.

Now the 6 foot 2 inch, 225-pound Nix becomes one of the main focal points in Wednesday's game for TCU. The Frogs have played against schools like SMU and North Texas this season, who emphasize a power running attack. However, neither of those teams have back a back of Nix's caliber.

Senior free safety Kenneth Hilliard said the defense was aware that stopping the run would be a major emphasis. He said that he expects the team to mainly focus in on the backfield of Southern Miss, and defend the pass when necessary.

Defensive coordinator David Bailiff said that Nix will be the toughest running back assignment given to the Frogs No. 3 ranked rushing defense in the regular season.

"No doubt he's the premiere back in this conference," Bailiff said. "He's big, fast and elusive. He's everything you could look for (as a coach), and an all-around great running back."

What helps makes Nix so effective is the Southern Miss offensive line. A veteran group that has made a total of 92 career starts, the line is led by seniors Torrin Tucker and Jeremy Bridges, who both weigh more than 300 pounds.

Head coach Gary Patterson said he is impressed with the Golden Eagles' front five.

"They're big and they're really athletic," Patterson said. "Up to this point we have not played an offensive line like theirs. It's the strength of their offense."

Bailiff also had good things to say about the Southern Miss' offensive line.

"This offensive line we're about to face looks to me like they have three potential draft picks," Bailiff said. "This is without a doubt the most physical line in the conference because of their seniors that have played together."

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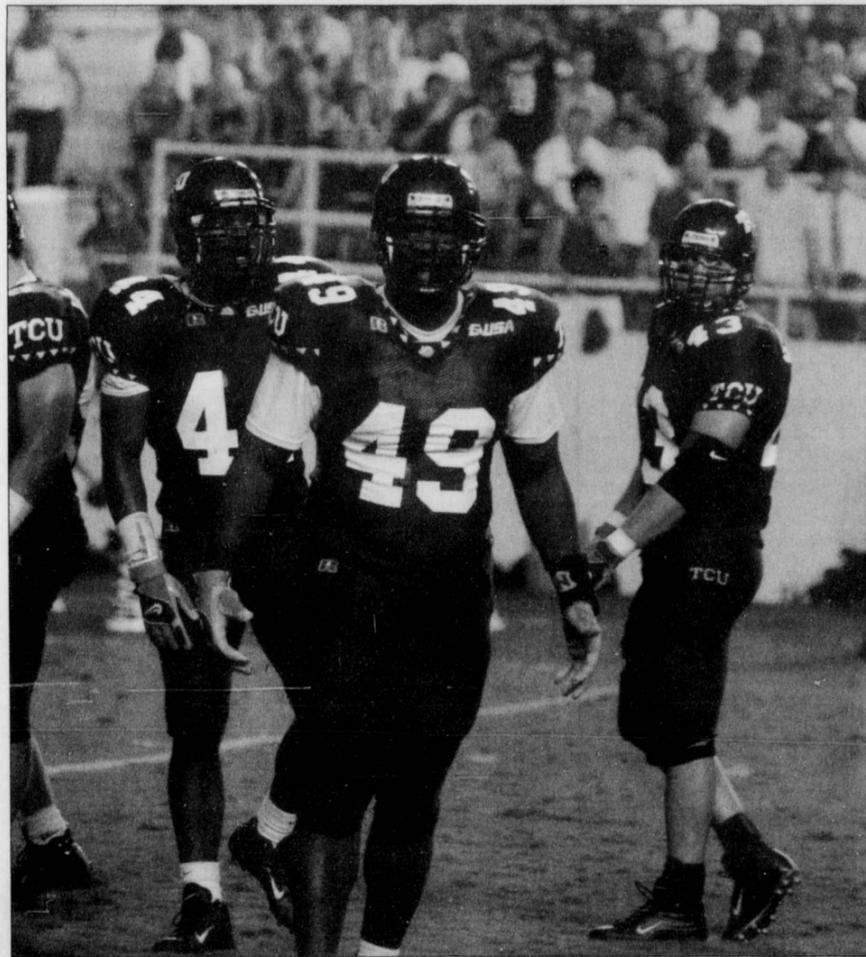
Derrick Nix's 2002 Rushing Stats

	Att.	Yds.	TD
Jackson State	16	77	3
Illinois	27	201	2
Memphis	21	196	2
Alabama	14	57	0
Army	16	87	1
South Florida	21	126	0
Cincinnati	19	77	1



Senior running back Derrick Nix will be one of the primary concerns for the Frogs when they take on Southern Miss tonight at Amon Carter Stadium. *Special to Skiff*

Frogs, Golden Eagles have much in common



(Left to right) Seniors LaMarcus McDonald, John Turnine and Jared Smitherman are among the group of Frogs who have gotten very familiar with Southern Miss in the last two years. The two teams with similar styles face off tonight at TCU, with the winner sitting in control of their destiny in conference play. *Photographer/Simon Lopez*

The Frogs and Southern Miss have numerous similarities in style, which makes their games close and exciting.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

When the Frogs line up against Southern Miss Wednesday, they'll be facing a team that wears gold and black.

However, you could probably put the Golden Eagles in purple and white and not be able to tell much of a difference.

The matchup between two of the front-runners in Conference USA pits two teams who basically have the same style: tough defense, power running, smart play and little talk.

"It's kind of like a scrimmage against ourselves," senior safety Kenneth Hilliard said. "We basically run similar schemes, and neither one of us trash talks. We just get out on the field, play hard and grind it out."

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— Kenneth Hilliard
safety

Said senior quarterback Sean Stilley: "(They are) tough, and hard-nosed. They don't talk any trash, they just get out there and play football."

Defensive coordinator David Bailiff said the Frogs (6-1, 3-1 Conference USA) pretty much know what to expect out of the Golden Eagles (5-2, 3-0), as they don't tend to stray very far from their gameplan.

"They don't change," Bailiff said. "They do what they do, and they get really good at it."

The styles of play reflect in the scores. In the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl in December 2000, the Golden Eagles won 28-21, and last December in Hattiesburg, the Frogs squeaked by with a 14-12 victory.

The similarity in the teams has also been heightened by the stakes in the recent games. In 2000, it was for the GMAC Bowl Championship, while in 2001 the winner of the game received an invitation to the galleryfurniture.com Bowl in Houston.

This year the team who wins will be in the driver's seat of the conference, with the opportunity to control their own destiny in a bid

for the title and a trip to the AXA Liberty Bowl.

Head coach Gary Patterson said that most people in the conference look to Southern Miss (and Louisville) as the automatic conference

front-runners, and let themselves get down from the start.

"(Conference teams) that have played against them have this feeling like that you're already a little bit shaken before you get off the bus," Patterson said. "I don't think our kids are like that. I think our kids feel like we can play with them, that we have the same type of athletes."

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Key Matchup

Ricky Madison, RB vs. Rod Davis, LB

Matchup: Since Junior Ricky Madison vaulted to the starting half-back position, he has not disappointed. He has developed into the breakout threat that the Frogs initially lacked to begin the season. Junior Rod Davis could use an extra room to house his



trophies and awards that he has accumulated over his career. He is regarded as one of the best linebackers, both against the pass and run, in the nation.

Effect on the game: If Madison can break several runs into the secondary, TCU can sustain long drives which are necessary to wear down Southern Miss' defense. If Davis consistently disrupts Madison, along with his counterpart Lonta Hobbs, it will be up to Tye Gunn and the passing game to keep drives going.



— Jay Zuckerman

Three Keys to Victory

1. CONTAIN NIX

In Southern Miss' five victories, senior running back Derrick Nix has averaged 127.6 yards a game. In the Golden Eagles' two losses, he has averaged 91.5. The Frogs hope their No. 3 ranked rushing defense can keep the talented back under control, forcing Southern Miss into throwing the ball more. That type of game is not something that Southern Miss coaches do not want to put on the shoulders of redshirt freshman Dustin Almond or sophomore Mickey D'Angelo.

2. LIMIT MISTAKES

TCU/Southern Miss games are typically low-scoring and defensive minded. Field position and ball control are more critical than usual when playing the Golden Eagles. Southern Miss has defensive stars like linebacker Rod Davis and safety Etric Pruitt who will capitalize on turnovers made by the Frog attack. TCU has done a good job of keeping their penalties down as well, having committed just 53 in seven games. That's a stat the team needs to continue to keep low.

3. HOME ADVANTAGE

On Southern Miss' field in Hattiesburg, you can find the phrase, "Anyone. Anywhere. Anytime." They take this slogan to heart at home, winning eight out of their last nine games at M. M. Roberts Stadium. The only two losses for the Golden Eagles this season have come on the road and they are in Fort Worth to play the Frogs. While the team says it doesn't feel Southern Miss will be rattled by being on the road, it is an advantage the teams hope to use in their minds to get a victory.